

† [THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI FAZLUR REHMAN): (a) For 1979-80, the proposed outlay of Rs. 80 lakhs has been approved. For the Sixth Five Year Plan, Rs. 5.5 crores has been proposed; no decision has been taken on the overall plan size or sectoral outlays as yet.

(b) Development of the following Tourist Centres has been proposed by the State Government:

1. Khajuraho
2. Sanchi
3. Panchmarhi
4. Mandu
5. Bhedavghat
6. Bandhavgarh
7. Onkareshwar
8. Orchha
9. Bhopal
10. Bastar Complex
11. Gwalior
12. Chitrakoot
13. Kanha
14. Regional/local centres
15. Amarkantak

(c) (I) Tourist Centres at following places are proposed to be developed.

	(Rs. lakhs)
1. Bhedaghat	2.00
2. Kanha	3.00
3. Regional/local centre	2.00

(II) Tourist Accommodation is proposed at following places.

	(Rs. lakhs)
1. Khajuraho	0.25
2. Kanha	3.00
3. Orchha	1.00

† [] English Translation.

776. [Transferred to the 16th May, 1979]

Production of small scale industries and small units

777. SHRI CHADALAVADA VENKATARAQ: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether inadequate supply of power had resulted in decline in production of small scale industries and small units in the country during the year 1978-79;

(b) if so, what is the percentage of loss in production in these months during that period; and

(c) what steps Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV): (a) There is no formal system of reporting production in the small scale sector. All the small scale units are not registered with State Directorates of Industries as registration is voluntary. The small scale units do not supply production returns to the State Directorates of Industries. The small Industries Development Organisation, therefore, do not have production data unit by unit for the year 1978-79. There is no information about the number of units which use power and which do not use power. In view of this it is not possible to indicate the impact of inadequate power supply, on production in the small scale sector and further to indicate the actual loss in production during the year.

(b) Does not arise.

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Financial Assistance to States

778. SHRI CHADALAVADA VENKATARAQ: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any formula for providing financial assistance to States

was accepted by the State Governments at the meeting of the National Development Council held in the last week of February, 1979; and

(b) if so, what is the amount of Central assistance being given to different States and the amount of financial assistance proposed to be given during the financial year 1979-80?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI FAZLUR REHMAN): (a) Yes, Sir. The National Development Council in its meeting held on 24th and 25th February 1979 decided that, of the total Central assistance available for State Plans for the four years 1979-83, Rs. 1800 crores should be reserved for special category States, Rs. 600 crores for special problems of States and Rs. 4200 crores distributed among the 14 non-Special category States, on the basis of the various criteria laid down in the Gadgil formula, except the one relating to special problems. Besides, it was decided that an amount of Rs. 2000 crores to be released during 1979-83 by certain modifications in the Centrally sponsored schemes should be distributed among the 14 non-Special Category States on the basis of IATP (Income Adjusted Total Population), i.e. the inverse of per capita State's income multiplied by population. Further, additional Central assistance is being given for hill and tribal areas, the programme of the North Eastern Council and externally-aided schemes.

(b) The allocation of Central assistance to different States for 1979-80 and the remaining 3 years of the Five Year Plan 1979-83 has not yet been finalised.

Removal of Poverty in the Country

779. SHRI CHADALAVADA VENKATARAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have proposed schemes to launch campaign on 426 RS-3.

war footing for removal of poverty in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the schemes for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI FAZLUR REHMAN): (a) and (b). It is true that inspite of many significant achievements since the First Five year Plan was launched in 1951, the progress towards achieving the country's basic goals of removal of poverty and unemployment has been disappointing. The Planning Commission, after a review of the State of development, decided to launch a new Five Year Plan in 1978-79, which outlined an appropriate strategy for the achievement of these goals within a fixed time-frame. The Draft Plan 1978-83 sets out a strategy for the elimination of distribution and the substantial reduction of poverty within a decade. The Plan accords the highest priority to agriculture and allied sectors, irrigation and village and cottage industries which have the greatest capacity to absorb surplus labour. An expanded Minimum Needs Programme will ensure that the living standards of the poor can be directly supplemented by the provision of certain basic services and amenities. The Plan also provides for a package of redistributive measures.

Loss caused by strikes in jute industry

780 SHRI CHADALAVADA VENKATARAO: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of loss caused by recent strikes in jute industry;

(b) whether it is a fact that countries like China and Bangla Desh have partially captured the foreign markets in jute as a result of the strike; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to put an end to such strikes in future?